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TAGS: SHUM, RO

SUBJECT: RAUTA CASE

1. AT THE END OF THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI APRIL 12, HE ASKED TO SPEAK TO ANDREI PRIVATELY. THE SUBJECT, ACCORDING TO A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST, WAS THE RAUTA CASE. BECAUSE OF THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GET AN ACCOUNT OF THE CONVERSATION OR OF ANDREI'S REACTION.

2. AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON APRIL 13, SEVERAL PERSONS SENT UP QUESTIONS RELATED TO RAUTA, E.G. ARE YOU PERSONALLY OPPOSED TO THE REUNIFICATION OF THE RAUTA FAMILY, WHY DOES THE GOVERNMENT DENY RAUTA TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH HIS WIFE AND HARASS THEM. CEAUSESCU'S ANSWER WAS APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: HOW WOULD THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF TREASON BY ONE OF ITS MILITARY
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OFFICERS? THOSE WHO ASKED THE QUESTION ARE PROBABLY NOT AWARE OF THE ACTUAL FACTS. I WON'T TALK ABOUT A MAN WHO BETRAYED HIS MILITARY OATH.

3. CEAUSESCU CUT OFF HIS REPLY, APPARENTLY QUITE ANGRY ABOUT THE QUESTION. THE QUESTION WAS THIRD FROM LAST, I.E.

THE PRESS CLUB'S VICE PRESIDENT WHO WAS READING THE
QUESTIONS WAITED UNTIL TOWARD THE END OF HIS LIST OF
QUESTIONS.

4. ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS WHO PUT A QUESTION ABOUT RAUTA
ONCE VISITED EUR/EE DIRECTOR TOGETHER WITH RAUTA. WE ARE
CONFIDENT, THEREFORE, THAT RAUTA WILL KNOW RESULTS OF
THIS PUBLIC QUERY. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT RFE HAS CARRIED
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS LIVE AND WE THINK MRS. RAUTA WILL
GET WORD OF IT. WE THEREFORE DO NOT BELIEVE EMBASSY NEEDS
TO TAKE ANY ACTION IN THIS REGARD. CHRISTOPHER

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